



The Response of the Tennessee Higher Education Commission to Public Chapter 896

The Approval of Off-Campus Teaching Sites

Background

- Pursuant to Public Chapter 896, THEC was authorized to evaluate and approve any new off-site administrative or academic site where courses will be offered for credit.
- Approval from the Commission must be obtained before an institution is able to begin course offerings. Institutions may enter into planning/development prior to the receipt of THEC approval, but they may not enroll students without formal approval.

Justifications for New Off-Campus Locations

- Institutions must provide documentation regarding estimated enrollment; costs associated with leasing agreements, square footage, and tuition generated utilities, instruction, faculty salaries and auxiliaries.
- The proposal must include descriptions of the target population, demonstrated need, documented community support, and the direct benefits to the local community derived from the proposed site.
- The proposed site must also adhere to the role and scope of the institution as set forth in its approved mission.

Other Evaluation Criteria

- Administration: Plans for the administration of the respective location should be appropriate for the enrollment and character of the program(s) offered off-site.
- Facilities: Any facilities planned or in place at the location should be appropriate for the enrollment of the program.
- Unnecessary duplication: The Commission will not approve the establishment or upgrading of a location if the proposed delivery of instruction could reasonably occur through existing institutions, center, or other off-campus locations.
- Thirty-mile restrictions

Recently Approved Locations

Location	Institution	Headcount	Cost
Dana Corporation	CLTCC	25	\$775
Columbia Academy	COSCC	25	\$2,295
Hawker Powersource	CSTCC	20	\$0.00
Tecumseh Products	CSTCC	25	\$0.00
TTC at Shelbyville	MSCC	18	\$1,537
East Hickman Intermediate School	MTSU	25	\$0.00
Brentwood Police Department	NSTI	20	\$0.00
Cherokee Electric Company	NSTI	9	\$0.00
BellSouth-Belvidere	NSTI	10	\$0.00
Dickson County Alternative Learning	NSTI	10	\$0.00
City of Sullivan Electric Company	NSTI	15	\$0.00
City of Crossville, City Hall	RSCC	10	\$1,500
John Deere Worksite	RSCC	54	\$6,000
Knoxville Urban League	RSCC	12	\$0.00
Highland Academy	VSCC	11	\$0.00
Tennessee Christian Medical Center	VSCC	20	\$0.00
Smartt Dance Studio	VSCC	13	\$500
Wilson County Career Center	VSCC	20	\$39,000
LeSportsac Distribution Center	WSCC	17	\$1,275
Link Hills Country Club	WSCC	10	\$3,825
Cocke County Adult High School	WSCC	21	\$425
Powell Valley Head Start	WSCC	16	\$4,000

